Staff requirement of the National Institute of Homoeopathy

986. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta has sought sanction for 34 posts for running M. D. Course of Calcutta University;

(b) whether it is a fact that Calcutta University has no such course; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir. The National Institute of Homoeopathy Calcutta, had sought sanction for 34 posts for running BHMS Course to meet the norms prescribed by the Central of Hohoeopathy.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Institute of Homoeopathy have approached Calcutta University for granting affiliation to National Institute of Homoeopathy for conducting Post-graduate Courses (M.D. Homoeopathey).

Establishing of cancer registries

987. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ICMR had launched in 1981 a major project on Cancer Registration under the National Cancer Registry Programme by establishing 6 Cancer Registries in differeat parts of the country;

(b) whether the Cancer Registry at Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh is one of the six centres established in 1981; and

(c) if so, what is the present status of that registry, the status of the Staff working in that centre since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Medical Research initiated National Cancer Registry Programme in 1981, with 3 population based cancer registries at Bombay, Bangalore and Madras, and 3 hospital cancer registries at Chandigarh, Dibrugarh and Trivandrum.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The registry at Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh has completed 10 years of existence. The staff on the registry has been employed as per the norms of National Cancer Registry Programme. The sanctioned staff on the Hospital Cancer Registry is 1 Senior Research Officer (Medical, 1 Senior Biostatistician, 1 Senior Research Fellow, 1 Medical Records Officer, 2 Social Investigators, 4 Clearical Staff, 1 Coding Cleark and 1 Typist. Realizing the fact that cancer registration is a long term activity, the Council recommended to the host institutions|states that cancer registries along with the staff on it should be made permanent.

India's late reaction to AIDS

988. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in The Times of India dated February 10, 1992 under the caption "India reacted late to AIDS, says expert";

(b) if so, whether the country is still in the data collecting satge;